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JOHNSON TV BUYS STOCK

Gets Half Interest in Austin Community Antena Firm

Austin, Texas, Jan. 26 (AP)—Texas Broadcasting Company, owned by President Johnson's family business interests, has bought half the common stock of Capital Cable Company, operator of an Austin community antenna system.

The purchase was announced by Morris Roberts, president of Capital Cable, and by Paul Bolton, vice president and associate general manager of Texas Broadcasting.

Texas Broadcasting Company operates television station KTBC-TV, for years the only one in Austin.

Option In 1957

Roberts and Bolton said Texas Broadcasting exercised an option it obtained in 1957 for purchase of 50 per cent of Capital Cable's common stock. The cable firm has operated here for three years.

"Operations to date resulted in substantial losses (to Capital Cable) and the loss for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1965, p-yer ending August 31, 1965, approximated $485,000 and the assumption of one half of a stockholder guaranteed indebtedness of approximately $1,500,000," the announcement said.

The announcement said that after the stock sale Roberts was elected president; G. R. Morrell, vice president, and Donald S. Thomas, secretary-treasurer. Thomas has served on a number of occasions as attorney for the Johnson family, particularly their television interests.

Trustees In Control

When Mr. Johnson became President, the family's interests were placed in the hands of trustees for the duration of his tenure in the White House.

KTBC-TV remains the city's sole Very High Frequency station. An Ultra High Frequency station, KFHI-TV, has been in operation about a year.

A construction permit for a second UHF station, KVET-TV, has been issued by the Federal Communications Commission but the station has not gone on the air. The KVET-TV permit is held by an Austin automobile dealer, Roy Butler, a friend of the President.

Community antenna television systems receive and amplify signals from outlying stations and transmit them to home television sets by wire or cable. Some systems use microwave relay to boost outlying television signals, before feeding them into their cables.

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